

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

July 28, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 28, 2025.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided
Vice-Chairman Cecil Thornton
Councilwoman Rebecca Bonnette
Councilman Richard Carson
Councilman Ken Westbury
Administrator Richard Hall
Clerk to Council Shayla Jenkins

The following press was notified of the meeting by mail, electronic mail, or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: The Calhoun Times, The Times and Democrat, and Sandy Run News. An Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website calhouncounty.sc.gov.

Call to Order

Chairman Haigler called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilwoman Bonnette.

Approval of Agenda

Councilman Carson made the motion to approve the July 28, 2025 meeting agenda. Councilman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments Dennis Spilde made comments regarding rumors and concerns for the fire station and Sandy Run fire department.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury and seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Approval Request – Calhoun County Fire Services SCBAs – Administrator Hall gave explanation of the breathing apparatus tanks and the savings for the 12 units. Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve the request in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. Councilman Carson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Procurement – Fire Equipment (Sandy Run Substation) – Administrator Hall explained and recommended approval for extrication gear totaling \$52,637.15, and told that \$70,000 of the invoices are for items not in the county's possession, so he did not recommend approval for that amount.

Councilman Westbury made the motion to approve extrication gear invoice from Spartan Fire and Councilwoman Bonnette seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance 2025-15 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A TAX ANTICIPATION BORROWING OF CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500,000, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH BORROWING AND THE FORM OF NOTE TO BE EXECUTED EVIDENCING THE SAME; TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-15 and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH ENFORCEMENT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-16 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-17 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE POSTPONEMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED PROPERTY VALUES RESULTING FROM THE EQUALIZATION AND REASSESSMENT OF ALL PROPERTIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF CALHOUN COUNTY FOR ONE PROPERTY TAX YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for First Reading. Vice-Chairman Thornton made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2025-17 and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

Administrator Hall announced that the next meeting would be held on August 25, 2025.

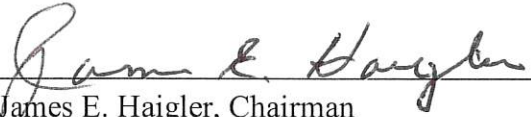
Executive Session

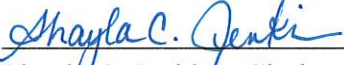
Councilman Westbury made a motion to go into executive session for Receipt of Legal Advice and Economic Development Matters to include Project Kelly and Project Sam. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously. Chairman Haigler told that there would be no action taken coming out of executive session.

Motion to come out of Executive Session, bringing no matters forward, was made by Councilwoman Bonnette, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council

